



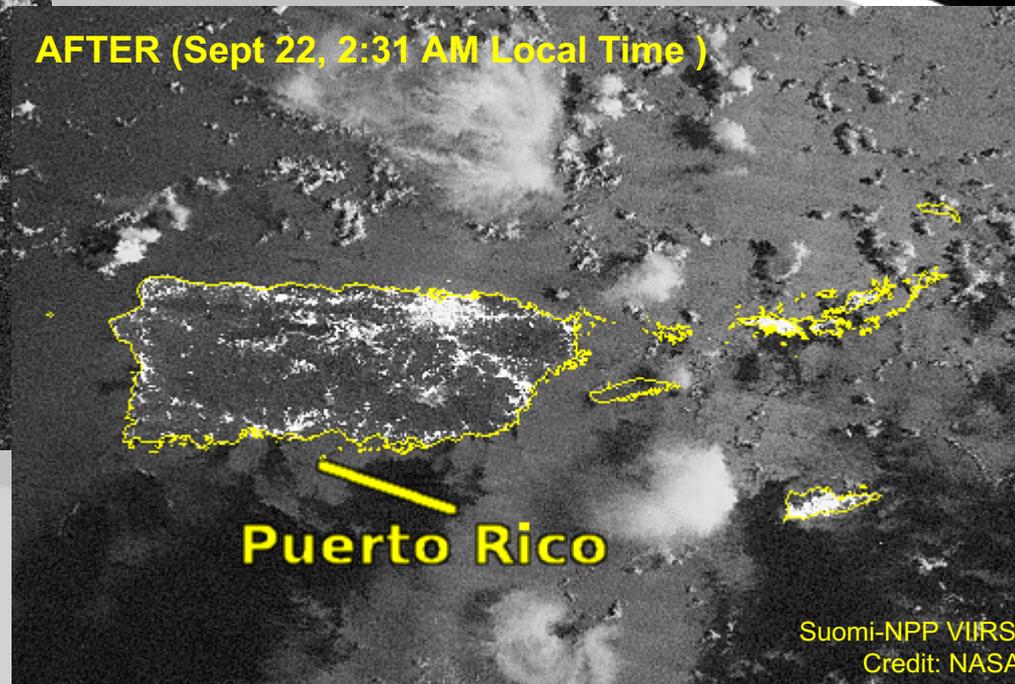
NASA Disasters Response Program

Puerto Rico Power Outages (Sept 21-22, 2016)

BEFORE (Sept 21, 2:50 AM Local Time)



AFTER (Sept 22, 2:31 AM Local Time)



- On September 21st, 2016 a major power outage was on the island of Puerto Rico (PR).
- The island's power company (PREPA) said the outage is affecting customers throughout the island.
- [The Puerto Rican paper El Nuevo Día reports](#) that 1.5 million customers are without power owing to the "complete collapse of the system." The paper reports the outage was caused by a fire at a substation at the Aguirre power station in Salinas, PR.

- Nighttime satellite imagery of the Puerto Rican archipelago shows the extent of outages across major urban areas outside of the San Juan Metropolitan Region. These include the cities of Ponce, Humacao, Aguadilla, Arecibo, Mayagüez, and the Island of Vieques. The images were released by NASA and can be used to track restoration progress.